

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** Recovered\_001361 (Standard 80 / Thumb).jpg

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1800613.013

**Medium:** Image File

**Director:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 19 March 2019

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 19 March 2019

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image is a sexualised image of a young girl. The only purpose of the image is the sexual arousal of those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation and reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual gratification. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, it is consistent with Parliaments intention that publications falling under s3(2) Of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable. This is a justifiable and reasonable restriction on the freedom of expression and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable from exploitation.